

## Abstract

The present invention relates to a recording apparatus comprising a carriage provided reciprocally movably with a recording head unit placed thereon, a switchable cover for covering an opening portion for taking out the recording head unit from the apparatus at the time the carriage is stopped at a second stopping position different from a first stopping position provided at one end of the reciprocal movement range, and a release lever provided movably to a position for fixing the recording head unit on the carriage or releasing the same therefrom. The release lever is moved to a position for fixing the recording head unit on the carriage in the case the carriage is moved with the release lever disposed at a position for releasing the recording head unit from the carriage.